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Tucker Transportation Inc. 503 Centennial Ave. Butte MT 59701

Representative Ray Hawk Capitol Station Helena MT 59601

January 6th, 2009

Mr. Hawk,

I am writing today to ask you if you would consider continuing the Transportation Program for the Officers of the Montana State Prison.

Please find the enclosed petition from the Officers of the Montana State Prison. I have gathered these 64 names in just 2 days during the Holidays. This response shows the importance of the bus.

These Officers are facing a potential 2 year wage freeze and the loss of transportation to work. They are fearful of the hardship this will cause.

Many of the new hires have indicated that the advertising indicating low cost transportation was one of the key reasons for accepting employment at MSP.

The employees at Tucker Transportation and our suppliers are also hoping that the bus continues its service to MSP. The recent article in many papers around the state indicated that one of the biggest concerns for Legislators this session is good paying jobs for Montanan's. The jobs generated from this particular contract are very good paying jobs.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Dan McGree President

Tucker Transportation Inc.

## Petition to Save Prison Bus

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